

**RESOLUTION NO. 7710**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA,  
DENOUNCE HATE CRIMES AND RHETORIC AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS  
AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO  
ENSURE API AMERICANS FEEL SAFE AND WELCOME**

**WHEREAS**, South Pasadena's proud and active Asian-American community makes up approximately 30% of our population. Our Asian-American neighbors are an integral component of that which makes South Pasadena so special. All of our lives are enriched by those in our presence that bring diversity to our life experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action launched a hate incident-reporting internet website, "Stop AAPI Hate," at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stop AAPI Hate Reporting Center reported over 2,800 hate incidents against Asian Pacific Islander (API) Americans in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, racism, hate crimes and negative rhetoric toward APIs has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, politically charged and culturally insensitive language referring to COVID-19 as the "Chinese virus" or "kung flu" further encouraged racism, prejudice and hate crimes toward APIs; and

**WHEREAS**, the promotion of such language by former President Donald Trump during his term further propagated anti-API sentiment in light of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans in the State of California are increasingly concerned about their safety and well-being, given the rise of hate crimes and other racially motivated attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans in the State of California are more concerned about the safety of themselves and their families that are currently at high risk of being targeted; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the California State Legislature's API Legislative Caucus spoke out against anti-API hate crimes in an effort to stand up for immigrant and refugee individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA , CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

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**SECTION 1.** The South Pasadena City Council, on behalf of the City and all residents thereof, denounce hate crimes, hateful rhetoric and hateful acts against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and reaffirm our commitment to ensure that API Americans feel safe and welcome, both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond; and

**SECTION 2.** That the Clerk of the City of South Pasadena transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and Dianne Feinstein, Congressman Adam Schiff, State Senator Anthony Portantino, State Assemblymember Christopher Holden.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk of the City of South Pasadena shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON** this 17<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021.

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*Diana Mahmud, Mayor*

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Diana Mahmud, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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*Maria E. Ayala*

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Maria E. Ayala, Chief City Clerk  
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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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*Teresa Highsmith*

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Teresa L. Highsmith, City Attorney

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of March 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Donovan, Primuth, Zneimer, Cacciotti, and Mayor Mahmud

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

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Maria E. Ayala, Chief City Clerk  
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